

Sánchez has fought for legislation to increase the number of school counselors, school social workers & school psychologists in low-income schools

Washington, DC - Members of the National Association of School Psychologists today presented Rep. Linda Sánchez with the “Government and Professional Relations Special Friend of Children Award” for her leadership on legislation positively affecting the lives of children, including the Increased Student Achievement through Increased Student Support Act.

“It is truly an honor to receive this award,” said Rep. Linda Sánchez. “For years, I have fought to ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed in school because I know that teachers cannot do the job alone. By recognizing the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students, we can help them to live up to their full potential.”

The Government and Professional Relations Special Friend of Children Award is given to an individual or group outside of the profession that supports political action and advocacy on behalf of children in order to improve education and mental health services for children, youth, and their families.

“The selection committee was impressed with Congresswoman Sánchez’ awareness of the importance of student support personnel in assisting students at risk and how the work of school psychologists, social workers and counselors helps students overcome barriers to learning,” said Stacy Skalski, Director of Public Policy at the National Association of School Psychologists. “We applaud Congresswoman Sánchez’ commitment to supporting children and at-risk youth and their families.

Rep. Sánchez’ legislation, the Increased Student Achievement through Increased Student Support Act, H.R. 1361, would increase the number of school counselors, social workers and psychologists in qualified schools in low-income communities.